

Remarks

Claims 1, 12, 14 and 20 have been amended, claims 22 has been added, and claims 3, 6 and 21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-18, 20 and 22 remain pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, in view of the discussion below, are respectfully requested.

The examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show the V-belt, troughed belt, roller track and water channel of claims 12 and 13. Reference in the claims to V-belt and troughed belt has been deleted. New figures 4 and 5 have been added to show the roller track (Fig. 4) and water channel (Fig. 5). Consequently, this basis of objection should be removed.

The examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claim 21 has been cancelled, without prejudice, to eliminate this rejection.

All of the previously pending claims, except claims 6 and 17, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by one or more cited references. However, claims 6 and 17 were indicated as being allowable by the examiner if rewritten in independent form including the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3 (and intervening claims) and 6, which depended thereon. Therefore, claim 1 should now be allowable. Claim 14 has also been amended to include the limitations of claims 3 and 6, and, thus, should also be allowable. In addition claims 2, 4, 5, 7-13, 15-18, 20 and 22 should be allowable as being dependent on claims 1 and 14.

It is submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowability for the pending claims is requested.



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No fees are believed due. If, however, the Commissioner believes any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee deficiency, or credit any fee overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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